

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 have been previously cancelled, no claims have been amended, added or cancelled by way of this response. Thus, claims 8-20 are currently pending and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to Objections:

The Examiner has objected to the specification because of informalities, i.e. a complete meaning of the acronyms stated in the description is missing. Applicant respectfully requests to specify this objection because the Applicant is not sure what is meant by this objection.

Response to Rejections Under Section 103:

Claims 8-10, 12-14 and 17-20 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Klein et al. (US 2002/0190956) in view of Binder (US 6,208,115).

Independent claim 8

Independent claim 8 recites:

“...wherein
the remote control is configured to be temporarily and removably fixed to a docking point arranged at the remotely controllable device;
the rechargeable battery is configured to be charged by the remotely controllable device via an inductive power interface when the remote control is fixed to the docking point; and
the docking point is configured to transmit information to the remote control, the information configured at least for triggering execution of the assignment mode on the remote control.”

Klein describes a universal remote control with display and printer. The universal remote control can operate the basic functions of several consumer devices like TV, CD player etc. (Klein, paragraph [0008]). These consumer devices are the remotely controlled devices. Further, Klein describes a printer connectable to the remote control. The printer provides a convenient method for obtaining a hard copy of data from the remote control. The data may reside within

memory in the consumer electronic device (user manual) or the consumer device acts as a conduit for information obtained from another source (Internet). For example, data may be automatically downloaded into the remote control and then printed via the printer (Klein, paragraph [0163]). The printer is a support device for obtaining hard copies of data. The printer is not remotely controlled by the universal remote control and is therefore not a remotely controllable device.

Applicant respectfully submits that Klein does not teach that the remote control is fixed to a docking point arranged at the remotely controllable device. Klein discloses that the remote control can be docked in a docking/charging base, the docking/charging base being connectable to the printer (Klein, paragraph [0100] and Fig. 23). The docking/charging base is not arranged at a remotely controllable device.

Applicant further respectfully submits that Klein does not teach that a rechargeable battery of the remote control is configured to be charged by the remotely controllable device via an inductive power interface. Klein's remote control is charged via the docking/charging base, but not by a remotely controllable device, i.e. TV, CD player etc. Further, Klein's remote control is not charged via an inductive power interface.

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that Klein does not teach that the docking point is configured to transmit information to the remote control, the information configured at least for triggering execution of the assignment mode on the remote control. Klein's base station is adapted to receive communications from the remote control (Klein, claim 1) and comprises a controller for directing data to the printer or a personal computer. Klein's base station does not transmit any information to the remote control.

In contrast, Applicant's remote control is temporarily and removable fixed to a docking point arranged at the remotely controllable device. For example, FIG 1 shows a remote control FEB arranged at a docking point AND of the loading crane GER (paragraph [00018]). Further, FIG 2 shows that the docking point AND is used as an inductive power interface at which charging power can be fed from the device GER to a rechargeable battery AKU of the remote control FEB (paragraph [00023]). Also, information transmission from the docking point to the remote control is carried out (paragraph [00030]).

With regard to Binder, Applicant further respectfully submits that Binder describes a battery substitute pack and does also not teach the above claim limitations discussed in regard to Klein.

MPEP 2143.03 states:

All words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of a claim against the prior art. If an independent claim is nonobvious, then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious.

In view of the above, independent claim 8 is patentable. Furthermore, dependent claims 9-16 which depend on claim 8 are patentable at least based on their dependency from claim 8 as well as based on their own merits. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests to withdraw the rejections.

Independent claim 17

Independent claim 17 recites:

“...
a docking point arranged at the remotely controllable device for temporarily and removably supporting the remote control; and
an inductive power interface for charging the rechargeable battery when the remote control is docked at the docking point, wherein the docking point is configured to transmit information to the remote control, the information configured at least for triggering execution of the assignment mode on the remote control.”

The claim limitations of independent claim 17 correspond to the claim limitations of independent claim 8. Applicant refers to the reasons above discussed in regard to independent claim 8 and respectfully submits that independent claim 17 is patentable. Furthermore, dependent claims 18-20, which depend on independent claim 17, are patentable at least based on their dependency from claim 17 as well as based on their own merits.

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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsiders the rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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